

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Community Developmental Disabilities Grants Component Budget Summary

Component: Community Developmental Disabilities Grants

Contribution to Department's Mission

The mission of the Developmental Disabilities Grants component is to improve and enhance the quality of life for consumers impacted by developmental disabilities.

Core Services

- The Community Developmental Disabilities Grants program provides assistance to eligible Alaskans with a developmental disability as defined in AS 47.80.900. Services Include:
- CORE SERVICES are basic supports or services that address a specific family's needs for more expensive long-term care. Although the plan for these services can be flexible, the funding for this service is limited to \$3,000 per person per year.
- SHORT-TERM ASSISTANCE and REFERRAL services are limited supports or assistance (for 90 days or less) to avert a crisis or to allow the recipient to establish eligibility for generic public assistance benefit programs. Short-term assistance and referral services are available through local organizations in each census area.
- MINI-GRANTS are one-time awards to individuals to meet unfilled health and safety needs.
- INDIVIDUALIZED SERVICES are various direct services intended to meet a person's habilitation needs as defined by AS 47.80.900. An Individual Annual Plan is developed with the consumer and their family or guardian that defines the services the person is to receive and the goals and objectives of those services. Depending on a person's level of need, plans may include: Care Coordination, Chore Services, Environmental Modifications, Respite Care, Specialized Adaptive Equipment and Vocational Svcs

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$14,651,800	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

In Alaska, one Medicaid waiver exists specifically as a mechanism for funding community-based services for Medicaid-eligible developmentally disabled persons, in lieu of institutionalization. Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) is improving methods and processes toward more effective development and implementation of services for developmentally disabled individuals and their families. This effort requires collaborating with advocacy groups and provider organizations throughout Alaska and with key stakeholders such as the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, and the Alaska Commission on Aging.

The remaining developmental disabilities service costs are funded through the division's Community Developmental Disabilities Grants program. In addition to waiver regulations development, division staff is crafting a regulatory and policy framework for the developmental disabilities grants that establishes uniform procedures and standards for major program functions and services.

Legislative Intent language directs that the department act expeditiously in the administrative processing of individuals on the waitlist so that they may begin receiving services as quickly as possible utilizing the funding increment initiated in the fiscal 2007 budget. To meet this goal, SDS is drawing 200 names off the list during the course of the year, determining whether or not they are eligible to receive services using the ICAP assessment tool and establishing services based on assessed needs.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

The Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waitlist is a tool used to gather information regarding people that have been determined eligible for developmental disabilities services. This tool is used to select people for enrollment in services when resources become available. In the FY2008 budget, the Legislature added intent language tasking SDS with complete elimination of the DD Waitlist. SDS has requested and received approval to amend the State Plan to draw 50 names each quarter off the DD Waitlist, rather than the 25 that were originally approved. At this rate, SDS expects complete elimination of the DD Waitlist by 2010, if services are available to clients where they live. Applicants for services will either be deemed ineligible or will begin services through one of the SDS Medicaid programs.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

- The Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) maintains a Developmental Disabilities (DD) Census Database which tracks the number of DD beneficiaries that receive services from grant programs in this component. According to this database, 1,200 clients were served in FY2008.
- In FY2008, 222 beneficiaries received services under the Children with Complex Medical Conditions (CCMC) Medicaid Waiver and 1,118 beneficiaries received services under the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) Medicaid Waiver. This is a total of 1,340 developmental disabilities beneficiaries that received Medicaid Waiver services in the SDS Medicaid Component.
- Services were delivered in more than 100 communities by 29 nonprofit grantee agencies.
- In FY2007, new positions were created as a "pilot project" to allow people the choice between having a private agency help them with care coordination or having a state employee provide this service. The pilot project has been very successful and many clients are choosing to have a state employee as a care coordinator. Initial results have shown that state care coordinators are able to match clients with services faster and at less total cost. Initial survey results also show better overall satisfaction with state care coordination. SDS intends to continue and expand this pilot project to allow more clients to have this choice. To this end, an additional care coordinator position was added in the FY2008 budget.
- The division has stepped up efforts to remove clients from the Developmental Disabilities Registry. Rather than removing 25 clients per quarter as was done in FY07, SDS is now removing 50 clients per quarter for a total of 200 clients per year. This has been successful in determining eligibility for services and in removing people not meeting eligibility criteria from the Registry. However, assessing clients and determining which services they are eligible to receive does not guarantee that the services they need are available in their community.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.80	Persons with Disabilities
7 AAC 78.010 - 320	Grant Programs
PL 100 - 203	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987
7 AAC 43.1000 - 1110	Home and Community Based Waiver Services Program

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**Community Developmental Disabilities Grants
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	125.8
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	11,458.6	14,526.0	14,526.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	11,458.6	14,526.0	14,651.8
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	5,963.8	5,963.8
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	4,249.0	637.4	763.2
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	6,984.3	7,697.3	7,697.3
1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	225.3	227.5	227.5
Funding Totals	11,458.6	14,526.0	14,651.8

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Interagency Receipts	51015	4,249.0	637.4	763.2
Restricted Total		4,249.0	637.4	763.2
Total Estimated Revenues		4,249.0	637.4	763.2

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	13,661.1	0.0	864.9	14,526.0
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Reverse FY2009 MH Trust Recommendation	0.0	0.0	-227.5	-227.5
Proposed budget increases:				
-MH Trust: Beneficiary Projects - Grant 124.05 Mini grants for beneficiaries with disabilities	0.0	0.0	227.5	227.5
-Behaviorial Risk Management Services for Sex Offenders	0.0	0.0	125.8	125.8
FY2010 Governor	13,661.1	0.0	990.7	14,651.8